St. Andrew's Church, Madras

Presidency Senior Chaplain.—Rev. John Heron, M.A., B.D., (on leave).
Offg. Presidency Senior Chaplain and Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church.—Rev. D. H. Gillan, M.A., B.D., Victoria Crescent, Egmore.
Joint Chaplain.—Rev. Neil Meldrum, M.A., B.D., (on leave).
Kirk Session.—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson Esq., W. A. Beardsell Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, W. Hutton Esq., W. Lamb Esq., A. C. Puddephatt Esq., R. W. Ross Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson Esq., and W. A. Turner Esq.
Church Officer—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.
Honorary Organist and Choirmaster—R. L. Hird Esq., Roundhay, Chetput.
Free School Headmistress—Mrs. Bennett, St. Andrew's Free School.
Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Goodwood, Kilpauk.
Women's Guild Secretary—Mrs. Turner, The Priory, Mount Road.
Women's Guild Treasurer—Mrs. Ross, College House, Saidapet.
Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Kalajagah, Chetput.
School Visitation Secretary—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Luttrell's Gardens, Kilpauk.
Honorary Auditor—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Chetput.

Church Notices

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum), and the Indian Quarterly, *St. Andrew* (8 annas per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. Choir Practice on Thursdays at 6-15 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS—Funerals should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bona fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, "Goodwood," Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

WOMEN'S GUILD—The Women's Guild meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 4-30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL at 5 P. M. from January to April and August to December.

MOTHERS' MEETING in School-room at 5 p.m. on Mondays.

Church Notes

Communion.—There were fifty-seven communicants at the communion dispensed at the close of Evening Service on 7th January. As usual on the sixth Sunday of the quarter, there will be Communion after Morning Service on 11th February.

Collections during 1917.—The Kirk Session have appointed the following Special Collections :—

4th February, Y.M.C.A. Emergency War Fund.

4th March, Church of Scotland Women's Association for Foreign Missions.

1st April, British and Foreign Bible Society, Madras Auxiliary.

August, St. Andrew's Tamil Church.

November, Arkonam Mission.

December, (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services). The Poor.

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It will be noted that the first of these falls to be made on Sunday, and special reference to the War work of the Y.M.C.A. will be made at Evening Service.

Christmas Gifts.—Cakes, sweets, and fruit were kindly sent by the following friends of the Church for distribution:—Lady Pentland, Mr. Beardsell, Mr. H. Boys, Mr. F. Chatterton, The Misses Falconer, Mrs. Hird, Mr. A. Leith, Mr. J. Nuttall, Mr. J. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Puddephat.

The Day School children had the pleasure of receiving cake and fruit on Christmas morning, brought for them by Lady Pentland herself.

The Christmas—New Year Season.—The programme of services and other events outlined in the December Magazine was duly carried out, with the exception that the War Intercessory service, instead of being held on 7th January, was combined with the Memorial Service on 31st December. The last day of the year was observed as a Day of Intercession throughout the Empire and it therefore seemed only fitting to make the change. The attendance at the Watch Night Service indicates that it supplies a felt need. The Carol Service on Christmas Eve and the Christmas morning service were as bright as the efforts of all concerned could make them. The " Dinner to The Poor " included a musical programme which they greatly enjoyed, and the thanks of all present were heartily rendered to those who contributed to it—Mrs. Puddephat, Miss Atkinson, Miss Johnson, Miss Maggie Boys and Messrs. C. Boys and V. G. Conran. The decoration of the Church for services and of the school room for the various meetings held there was effectively carried out by Mr. Boys while thanks are also due to all who supplied greenery and flowers.

Carols at Government House.—The following, written by " Lyra," appeared under the heading of "Music Notes" in the *Madras Times* of January 10th:—" Their Excellencies have made " Carols at Government House" an annual fixture; and all who have the pleasure of hearing them vote them a treat." As is probably known to all members of the congregation, these carols have been sung each year at Government House by our choir, and it must have been specially gratifying to the choir and choir-master to read Lyra's further remarks:—" . . . I missed them this year, and I know that I missed a real treat. I see from the report that they were excellently sung." The carols were given at Government House on Monday, 8th January.

The Children's Treat.—This Annual event was held on Friday, January 5th, and as usual drew a large gathering. The children assembled at a very early hour in the afternoon and the round-about was the centre of attraction until the sports commenced at 4-30 p.m. The latter were looked after by Mr. J. Wilson, Mr. C. Boys, Mr. V. G. Conran and the Superintendent, whilst several ladies kindly rendered assistance during the thread-and-needle race.

At 5-15 an adjournment was made for tea, to which needless to say full justice was done and at 6 o'clock the children proceeded to the school-room for the event of the day. Here, after a hymn, and a prayer by the Chaplain, Mrs. Gillan kindly distributed the Special Prizes, consisting of the Chaplain's Bibles, and prizes presented by Miss Dunhill and the Superintendent. The latter then made his brief report (appended below).

After this came the "Surprise" of the evening. A Fairy (Miss Maggie Boys) appeared on the scene and in an appealing song asked Father Christmas to once again visit the school. Mr. C. Boys in khaki sang "When Tommy comes marching home again." Eventually the Curtain rose displaying a Submarine from which amidst cheers Father Christmas emerged, who gave the children greeting. After handing the prizes to those who had won them he once more entered the conning tower of the Submarine and disappeared. Proceedings closed with three cheers for all who had helped, followed by the National Anthem.

The success of the indoor arrangements was largely due to Mr. and Mrs. Boys and Mr. C. Boys who devoted much time and trouble to evolving the scheme in its entirety.

Sunday School Report, 1916.—The Superintendent, Mr. H. P. Ashworth, spoke as follows at the Children's Treat:—

I now submit my usual brief report: The School was opened on thirty-five Sundays during the year, the mean average attendance per Sunday being seventy-one which is below the average of the past two years. The highest attendance was on January 16th, when 103 children were present in the school.

We have been fortunate this past year in having a full staff of teachers most of the year, and I can only pay to them a very high tribute for their unselfishness in devoting

their Sunday afternoons to this voluntary and often disheartening task—in some cases it is not a matter of one year, but of many years they have been doing this work. For long and continuous service Mrs. Boys and the Misses Falconer deserve special mention. During the course of the year we had the valuable help of the Rev. N. and Mrs. Meldrum, who regularly took classes during their stay in Madras. I also wish to place on record my thanks to the other teachers—namely, Miss E. Thompson, Miss Thompson, Miss C. Garden and Mr. V. G. Conran—for all their good help during the past year.

Free School.—The Head Mistress, Mrs. Bennett, has been in hospital since the holidays. All her friends will wish her a speedy recovery. Miss Burgess is acting for Mrs. Bennett, and Mrs. Garratty is temporarily taking Miss Burgess's class. The school re-opened on 15th January, and there are still some vacancies. Two of last year's senior boys have been sent through the interest of kind friends to more advanced schools, one to Doveton and the other to Christ Church.

Women's Guild.—The Annual Meeting of the Women's Guild was held in the school-room on Thursday, the 1st February. There was a good attendance. The President, Her Excellency Lady Pentland, was unable to be present. Short addresses were given by Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Atkinson, and Mrs. Gillan. In the next issue of the Magazine we hope to give the Secretary's Report and the Statement of the Guild's accounts.

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Baptisms

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

December 31st, 1916—James Oscar, son of Alfred and Mabel Santineer.
January 4th, 1917—Daisy Emma, daughter of Peter and Ruby Dewar.
January 21st, 1917—Bernard Stuart, son of Alfred Edward and Evelyn Juliet Heath.
January 25th, 1917—Gordon Stevenson, son of John Stevenson and Mignonette Cecilia Leck.
January 28th, 1917—Mavis Nancy Milburne, daughter of Clarence Melville Milburne and Agnes Muriel Gray Ross.

Burials

"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

January 8th, 1917—Philip Napier, 27 years. (St. Andrew's Cemetery).
January 14th, 1917—Julia Adeline Thomas, 61 years 11 months. (Kilpauk General Cemetery).

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for November, 1916

Receipts	Amount			Disbursements	Amount		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Organ blowers (Oct. and Nov.)	8	0	0
,, Seat rents	92	0	0	,, Church Choir, October, 1916 ...	63	0	0
,, Church collections	349	13	4	,, ,, Estabt., ,, ,, ...	187	12	0
,, Organ practice	20	0	0	,, Compound (special account) ...	5	0	0
,, Refunds	5	0	0	,, Siemens Bros. (lamps) ...	13	8	0
,, Sale of grass	4	0	0	,, M. E. S. Co., October Current.	12	12	0
				,, Printing bills	12	4	0
				,, Communion wine and E. fittings	7	14	10
				,, Miss Iles (singing fees) ...	10	0	0
				,, Arkonam Mission (Special collection)	162	3	9
				,, Charity account	43	13	6
				,, Miscellaneous	10	4	0
					536	8	1
				Credit this Account ...	43	5	3
Total ...	579	13	4	Total ...	579	13	4

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for November, 1916

Receipts	Amount			Disbursements	Amount		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	6	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment ...	195	0	0
,, Refund	10	0	0	,, Food	60	15	0
,, Interest	4	10	0	,, Canes, Paper, Cloth, etc. ...	5	6	0
,, Government Grant, 1916-1917...	1,200	0	0				
					261	5	0
				Balance Credit this account ...	959	5	0
Total ...	1,220	10	0	Total ...	1,220	10	0

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	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Church Choir for Nov. 1916 ...	59	0	0
,, Seat Rents	87	0	0	,, ,, Estab. ,, ,, ,, ...	175	13	6
,, Church Collections	1,141	13	8	,, Compound (special account) ...	5	0	0
,, Organ practice	15	0	0	,, M. E. S. Co. current for Nov. ...	9	8	0
,, Sale of grass	7	8	0	,, Organ blowers for December ...	6	0	0
,, Interest	22	9	0	,, Charity Fund account (Special Collection 24th and 25th) ...	200	3	10
				,, Communion Elements ...	3	2	0
				,, Postage and Miscellaneous ...	8	0	6
					466	11	10
				Balance Credit this Account ...	916	2	10
Total ...	1,382	14	8	Total ...	1,382	14	8

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Receipts	Amount			Disbursement	Amount		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	14	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment ...	195	0	0
,, Refund	10	0	0	,, Food	68	8	0
,, Cash	268	1	9	,, "Teachers' Aid" for 1917 ...	6	8	0
				,, Prizes	19	1	9
				,, Carpenter	3	0	0
Total ...	292	1	9	Total ...	292	1	9

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NOTICE

The Women's Guild have arranged to hold a Jumble Sale on Saturday, 17th February. Articles for the Sale may be sent to the Church.

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